

# All this for just £5.70 per week

## YOUR DISTRICT COUNCIL TAX EXPLAINED INSIDE

Dear Resident,

I'd like, if I may, to take a few minutes of your time explaining how we at Adur District Council maintain vital local services while keeping your Council Tax bill rise to a below-inflation 2.96 per cent or, to put it another way, an extra 14 p a week.

Just like you any increase in my bills is greeted with a groan because I understand that times are tough. You will probably know local government finances are taking a pummeling so we have had to work hard to continue to provide the services you tell me you want.

We have increased our long-term investment plans and continued our cost efficiency drive, while getting on with the crucial task of bringing economic growth, jobs, homes and improved infrastructure to our towns, villages and communities.

The demolition of our old Civic Centre will bring new offices and homes while the Ham Road car park opposite is to be the site of the headquarters of a communications company. At Shoreham Harbour a new community is set to arise, regenerating the dockland and bringing much needed homes and jobs to the area.

After five years of work we now have a Local Plan, a comprehensive blueprint for homes, commerce and green spaces that gives us control over our future.

We are successfully maintaining key services such as weekly household waste collections. We have also kept our street sweeping, environmental protection and housing services while others are cutting back.

We are achieving this at the same time as absorbing another £700,000 reduction in Government funding to help reduce the national deficit. Regretfully this will necessitate this small uplift in your Council Tax bills but still means you will be charged just £5.70 a week (based on a Band D household) for all the services we provide.

I remain committed to serving you to the best of my abilities.



**NEIL PARKIN**

Leader of Adur District Council

 **ADUR DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**



Secured **£2.5m**  
of external  
funding to support  
economic growth



Emptied  
**1.6m**  
refuse bins




Maintained green  
spaces the size  
of **420** football  
pitches




# Just some of the things we do for your money

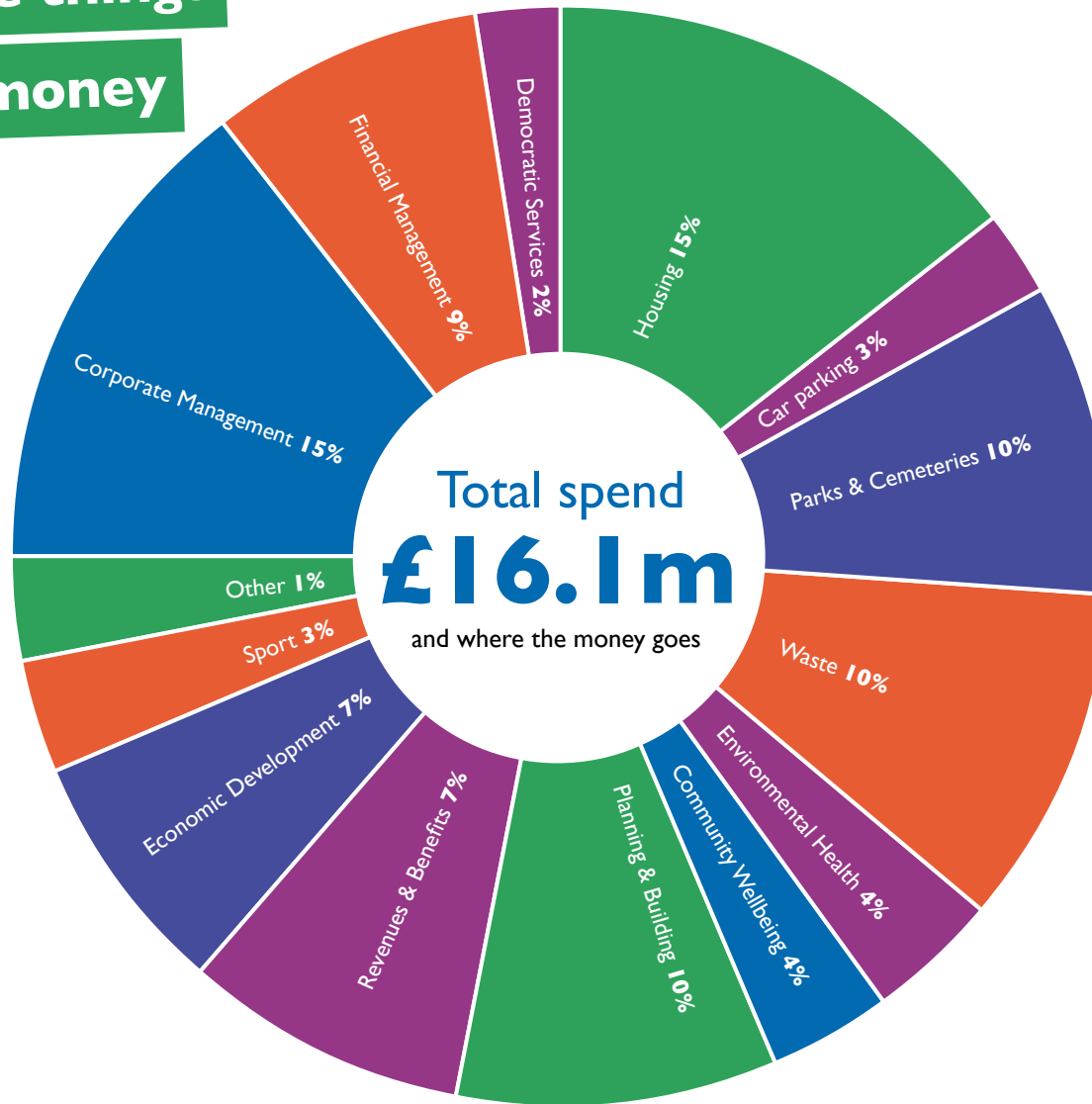
 Sowed the equivalent of **43** football pitches of wildflower meadows


Adopted Adur **Local Plan** for future jobs and homes

Maintained **21** play areas plus made improvements through annual refurbishment programme 

Handled **5,400** Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claims

 Responded to **10,800** repair call outs to Adur Homes properties



 Answered **159,000** of your calls for help and guidance

Helped **115** households from becoming homeless 

 Collected **45,000** dog waste bins

Helped **197** residents change their lives on Get Active programme

 Dealt with **85%** of planning applications within **8 weeks**

Maintained **2,569** properties in the social housing stock

Cut grass equivalent to **300** football pitches 



**Long term**

**investment**

**£3m** to invest in temporary and emergency accommodation

**£2m** to support local partners to provide affordable housing

**£1.45m** to support vulnerable residents in their homes



## How your council tax bill is split

Did you know that just between 15 and 17 per cent of your bill goes to your District Council

### Most areas



### Sompting Parish



### Lancing Parish



Key



West Sussex County Council



Adur District Council



Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



Parish precept

\*based on Band D household



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